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Mock Raids Said To Be Too Realistic

London, June 27.—The first phase of air exercises to test the defences of industrial England against an atom bomb blitz ended on Monday with one major complaint. London residents said they were "too realistic."

Referees and high air officials of three countries were discreet about preliminary results of "Operation Poll" in which British bombers and fighters, American Superforts and jet fighters and Dutch jet fighters participated.

There were indications from other observers and from the sound of the heavy bomber formations over the metropolitan area that England's capital had been "heavily pounded" in two night attacks.

"Operation Poll" will continue for another week as fighter and bomber squadrons reinforced at the weekend by reserve air formation of British pilots test plans for protecting England in war.

SLEEP DISTURBED

Thousands of Britons, their sleep disturbed by low flying warplanes, telephoned to the Air Ministry to complain. Many said their children, reminded of the wartime blitz raids, ran screaming from their homes. To these complaints an Air Ministry spokesman had one answer:

"If we are to prepare an adequate defence our practices must be as real as we can make them."

Observers flying with American B-29 Superforts in the weekend "raids" reported an interesting development at high altitudes. These big bombers developed air speeds of over 400 miles an hour. They reported approaching the speeds of defending interceptors. At altitudes above 35,000 feet they said the thin-winged fighters had great difficulty in manoeuvring to bring the bombers under attack.—Associated Press.

BRITAIN FACING AN ECONOMIC CRISIS

Cripps-Harriman Conference

BANKRUPTCY DANGER

London, June 27.—Britain faces an economic and perhaps political crisis. As newspapers drove home to Britons the sad news that the nation is in danger of going broke, these were Monday's developments.

1. Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer called in the American Aid Ambassador, Mr. W. Averell Harriman, for an unscheduled conference.

2. The Stock Market sagged alarmingly in a day of frightened selling.

3. Political experts predicted that the Socialist Government might be forced to go to the people in a general election next autumn.

Britain's gold and dollar reserves are fading fast. Financial experts are fading fast. Financial quarters said the next figure to be published early in July might be alarming enough to set off a panic. At the same time because here prices are high and buyers are waiting hopefully for the Pound to be devalued, Britain's dollar earnings had fallen off sharply.

SPLIT OVER ERP

Against this background, Sir Stafford found himself square in the middle of the worst split in the short history of the European Recovery Programme. The crux of the problem is the adverse balance of trade between various European countries. Belgium, for example, sells Britain more than she buys from her and ends up with a surplus of the Pound Sterling. Belgium, with United States support, wants to alter its payments agreement with Bri-

tain under the ERP. Sir Stafford refused on the grounds that it would be a drain on Britain's meagre dollar supply.

Sir Stafford and Mr. Harriman discussed the issue for an hour today at the Treasury.

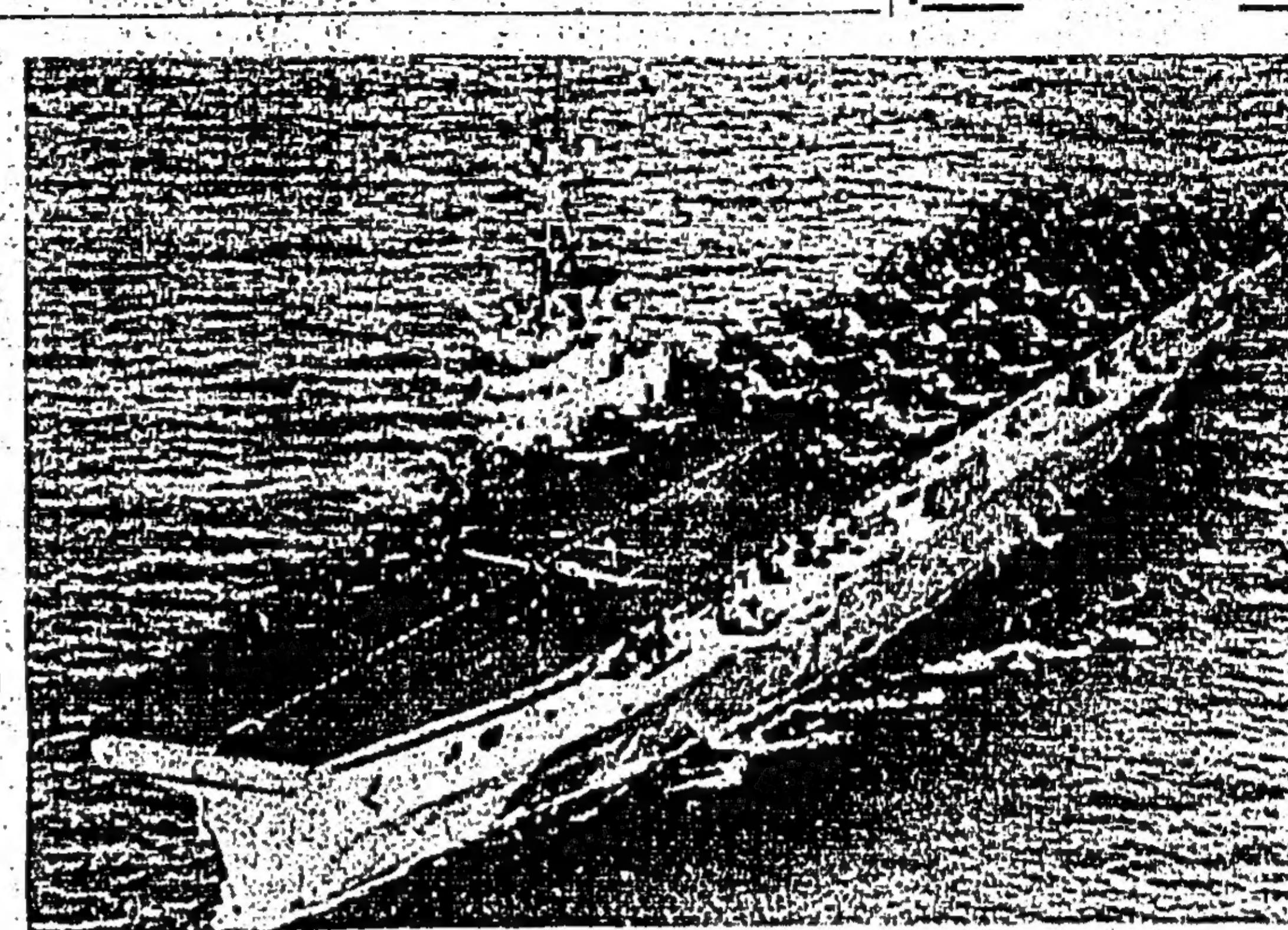
Afterward Mr. Harriman said he still hoped that there could be some agreement before the issue was thrashed out by Marshall Plan nations in Paris on Wednesday.

ECONOMIC DUNKIRK?

Financial experts, however, thought that Sir Stafford would stick to his guns both on the intra-European payments issue and on the devaluation of the pound. The Opposition press warned that Britain faces an "economic Dunkirk."

Some Government stocks dropped four and five dollars. The overall losses were in millions.

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The 14,000-ton British aircraft carrier, *Triumph*, which, it is reported from London, is to come to Hongkong in the Autumn. The *Triumph* is one of the seven Colossus Class of carriers. Her keel was laid in 1942 and she was completed in 1944. She carries from 39 to 44 aircraft.

Emergency Powers For NSW Govt.

Sydney, June 27.—The New South Wales Cabinet tonight approved extreme emergency powers to protect life and property during the worst industrial stoppage in Australia's history. The emergency powers will be rushed through the State Parliament tomorrow.

The measure was announced following the strike this morning of 23,000 Communist-led coal miners.

Cabinet Ministers, sitting in a room lit by oil lamps because of the power shortage, approved legislation authorising any premises to be searched and all other action deemed necessary to protect the public.

There was no immediate prospect of settling the dispute after last-ditch efforts failed yesterday.—United Press.

London Swelters

London, June 27.—London sweltered today when the temperature rose to 89 degrees—the highest this summer—and Southern England entered its fifth day of official "drought" after being without rain for 15 days.

The remainder of Britain has had no rain since June 12. If there is no rain before tomorrow morning—the Meteorological Office forecast is fine and warm—the whole of Britain will be in a state of "absolute drought."

Thousands of London workers took their sandwich lunches to sunny spots near the Thames and to the city's open spaces.

The high day temperatures followed a warm night in which London's midnight temperature was 60 degrees—four degrees above the year's previous highest midnight temperature.—Reuters.

Historic Murder Sentence

Nairobi, June 27.—For the first time in Kenya's legal history, a non-native woman has been sentenced to death.

After a fortnight's hearing in the Supreme Court of Nairobi, Mrs. Tej Singh, aged 22, wife of a Sikh, was found "guilty of murdering her father-in-law by shooting him."

An appeal is to be lodged.—Reuters.

Coming To Hongkong

Belligerent Power Status For Commos

Recognition Likely

London, June 27.—It was learned today that the British Commonwealth Countries may recognise the Chinese Communists as a "belligerent power" as a result of the coastal blockade proclaimed by the Nationalists.

The entire question was understood to be under review not only with the Dominions but with the United States as well. Britain's decision was expected within a few days.

British experts felt that the Nationalists had erred in proclaiming the "closure of ports over which they no longer had effective control." They said it would harm the British commercial interests in China without bringing the Nationalists any military advantages.

They pointed out that under international law, the proclamation of blockade amounts to implicit recognition of a state of war and automatically confers a status of belligerency to the opposing side. They said the British acceptance of the blockade would amount to recognising the Communists as a belligerent power.—United Press.

NOT ANTI-CHINESE

London, June 27.—The Foreign Under-Secretary, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, today denied that the British Government's policy was anti-Chinese. This was the "reverse of the truth," he said.

Replying to a question asked by Mr. John Langford-Holt, Conservative, in the House of Commons, Mr. Mayhew said: "Our policy is to maintain friendly relations with the Chinese people and I should like to take the opportunity of making it clear that the statement that the policy of the British Government is anti-Chinese is the reverse of the truth!"—Reuters.

NEW DEFENCE LINE

Manila, June 28.—The Chinese Minister, Mr. Chen Chih-ping, who returned last night from China, said the Nationalists had established a defence line in South China and were confident they would be able to hold Canton. He said the defence line ran West to East across Hunan province.

Mr. Chen, who spent about four weeks visiting Canton and Taiwan, said in the event that Canton fell the National government probably would be transferred to Chungking and plans had been made for such an eventuality. He said morale was high in South China as well as in Taiwan.

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Catholics Win Belgian Elections

BUT JUST FAIL TO GAIN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

Brussels, June 27.—The official Belgian election results, announced late tonight, showed a victory for the Catholics in both Houses of Parliament.

The Catholics—supporters of exiled King Leopold's return—failed to secure a majority over all the other parties in the Chamber of Deputies, which would be necessary for any action on the Royal question.

The final figures for the Chamber of Deputies were: Catholics 104 seats (a gain of 12), Socialists 68 (a loss of three), Liberals 59 (a gain of 13) and the Communists 12 (a loss of 11).

The final figures for the Senate were: Catholics 44 seats (a gain of three), Socialists 33 (a loss of one), Liberals 14 (a gain of nine) and the Communists five (a loss of six).

The election showed a clear swing to the right, and the Catholics are only three short of an absolute majority in the Chamber of Deputies.

The Communists suffered an overwhelming defeat, losing about 50 percent of their seats in both Houses of Parliament and in the County Councils—which were elected on the same day.

CABINET RESIGNS

Prince Charles, the Regent, today accepted the resignation of the Prime Minister, M. Paul Henri Spaak's, two-year old Socialist—Catholics Coalition Cabinet. The Ministers handed in their resignations in accordance with normal Belgian constitutional procedure, under which the Government resigns after a general election, no matter what the result of the poll may be.

M. Spaak, the Socialist leader, stated that, in compliance with tradition, the chief of the Christian Democrats—the strongest party—would be called on to form a Government.

Asked whether he would be willing again to combine the posts of Premier and Foreign Minister, if entrusted with the task of forming a new Cabinet, M. Spaak said: "I do not believe this would be a good formula."

LEOPOLD'S RETURN

An official in close touch with King Leopold (now living near Geneva) said here tonight "With the Catholics skirting an absolute majority in Parliament and with the support of several Royalist Liberals who make this majority very uncomfortable indeed, the scrapping of the Parliament Act which is keeping our monarch in exile seems to be a foregone conclusion and is a mere question of timing."

The law referred to by the official was passed in July, 1945, soon after King Leopold's release from captivity in Germany.

Declaring that the King "would never return to the country before this law is abrogated," the official added: "King Leopold is not a man who would stage a coup d'etat. It is out of the question for the King to abdicate."

An appeal is to be lodged.—Reuters.

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Titanic Wimbledon Tennis

While the New Zealanders yesterday were piling up first innings lead of 50 for the loss of seven wickets in the second cricket Test match against England at Lord's, some titanic tennis was being played at Wimbledon where the men's singles quarter-finals were decided.

All four matches went to five exciting sets, the ultimate winners being Ted Schroeder (US), John Bromwich (Australia), J. Drobby (Czechoslovakia) and Eric Sturges (South Africa).

Bromwich avenged his defeat in last year's final at the hands of Bob Falkenburg, while Sturges eliminated Frankie Parker.

Frank Sedgman, the young Australian, put up a superb show against Schroeder, before losing 9-7 in the final set. He had previously twice held match point.

At Lord's, the New Zealand cricketers, led by Donnelly who scored 126 not out, gained first innings lead in the second Test and are still batting.

Expensive errors in the field lost for England some cheap wickets. Full description and scores of Wimbledon matches and the Lords Test will be found on the Sports page.

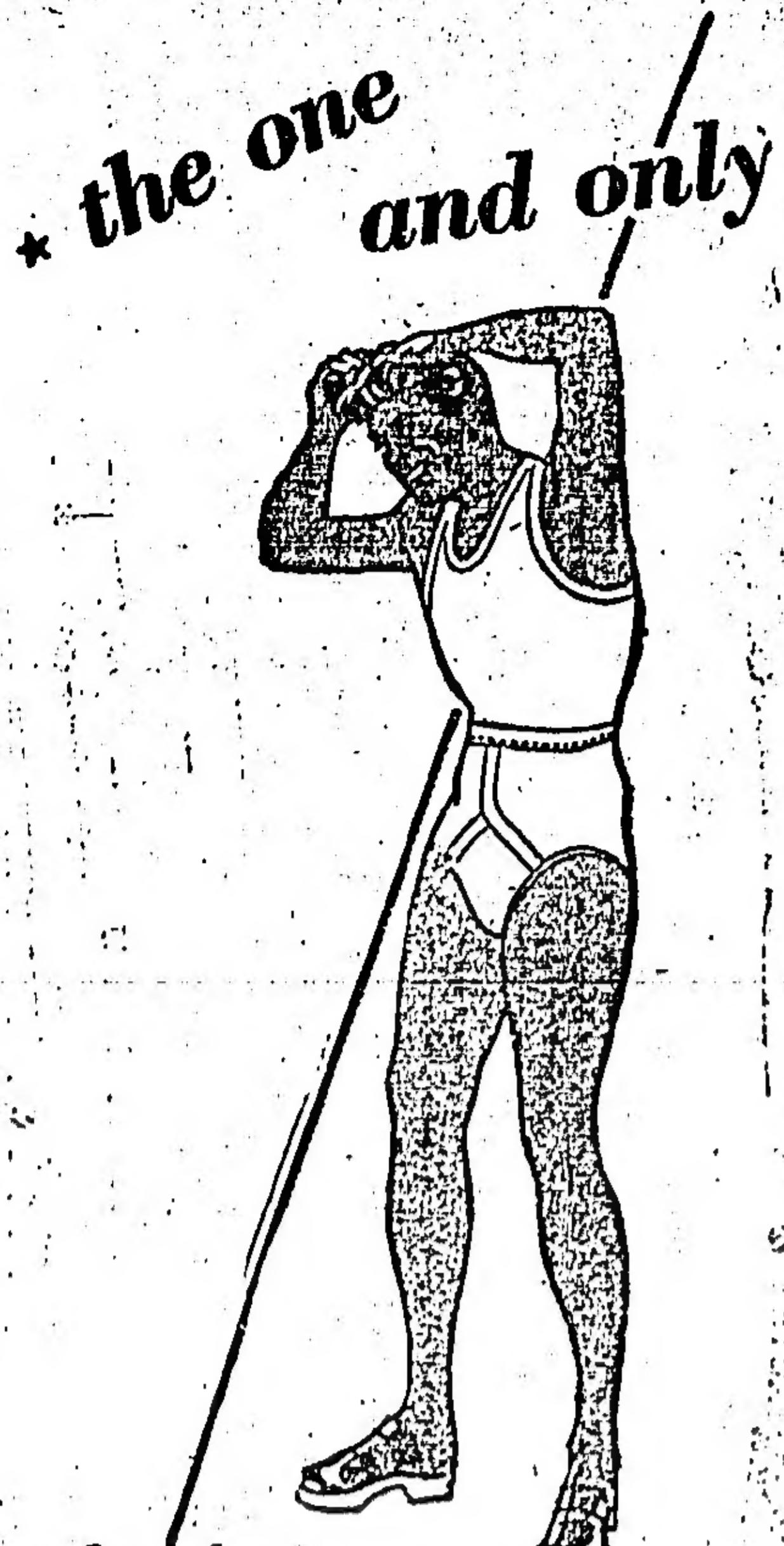
Social Security Plan For S'hai

Shanghai, June 28.—Sweeping social security plans, calling for gradual elimination of pedicab and rickshaw pullers, tax-dancers and prostitutes, are being contemplated by the police authorities here, according to press reports today.

Under the scheme all professions which are either non-productive or existent by the exploitation of other people's labour will be eradicated, said the Ta Kung Pao.

The first step towards eradication of such professions will be to give their members basic training which will enable them to make a living by other means. The Bureau was also reported to be considering the prohibition of all-night operation of cabarets and ballrooms.

Gambling, yellow journalism and publications of an indecent nature will also be strictly forbidden.—Reuters.



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'Women In The Army'

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Romantic Revival



By GRACE THORNCILFEE

CHIFFON IS the big fabric favourite this season. It would seem that everyone of us was just waiting for the long-absent but ever romantic plain or print chiffon after frock. Here it is, in dark gray over a matching taffeta slip, a nice job for a dainty dance dress, so right for gay summer dining and dancing. The dress has the popular deep-plunging neckline with a rolled collar. The sleeves are cut in one with the bodice and are of elbow length. The skirt is gathered at the waist and a double point at the hem makes for swingy animation.

Men's View Of A Dance Frock

WHEN you buy a dress to dance in, pivot around, be sure you see yourself from all views," advises Mrs Arthur Murray in an interesting feature of the "Dance Book." Mrs Murray says she consulted 74 of the men who teach for the school to find out what these experts on women's evening dresses recommend.

"The rear view is what comes in for attention from the stage line... and your evening is determined by the stage approach," she points out.

All the men were for wide skirts that girls can glide gracefully in and that "make their ankles and legs look daintier."

"Don't get the skirt too long. Try a few quick backward steps before you buy is another tip. Avoid bristly corsages and clips that catch the buttons on your partner's vest, the article continues. And, try to find a fabric that isn't scratchy, but feels good to the touch. For colour, the men liked black best. Runners up were red, blue and white. Surprise was gray, a new favourite.

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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



HAS NEW HOME—The maternal instinct of Peppy, a pedigreed dog in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, prompted her to bring this small rabbit home with her. Gary Printup, two, approves of his pet's act.



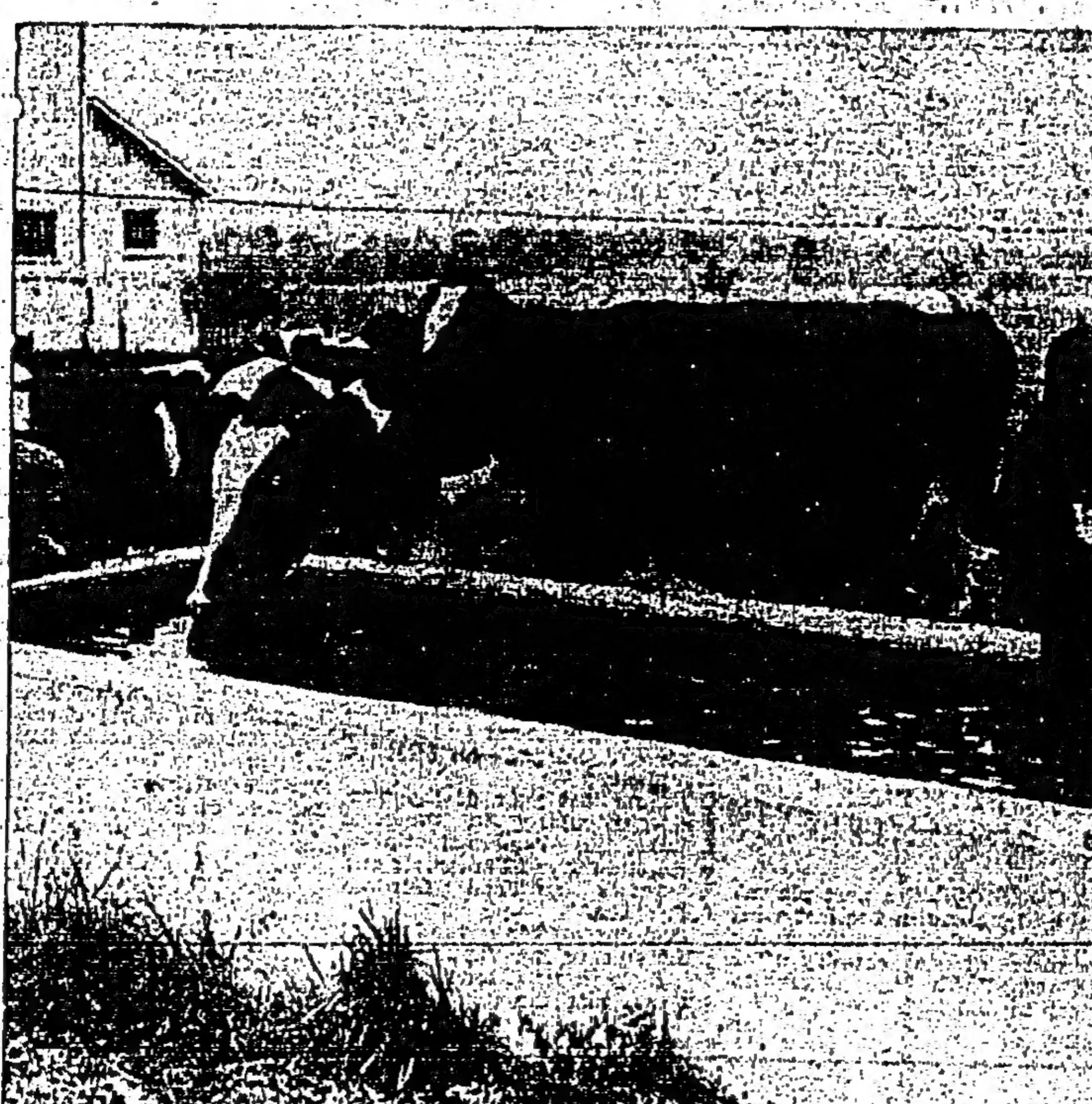
IN LIMELIGHT—The Polish liner Batory, a centre of attraction because of the escape to England of previous stowaway Gerhart Eisler, alleged Communist who jumped ball in the U.S., sails uninterrupted from New Harbour. Onlookers wave good-bye to friends on the trim, gray ship, but none was allowed aboard prior to sailing.



EXPENSIVE FLAMES—This fire raged for several hours on the waterfront at Havana, Cuba. It caused an estimated \$2,000,000 in damages as three warehouses were burned to the ground.



MAY BE THE YOUNGEST—If President Truman's appointment of a new Postmistress in Crosswicks, New Jersey, is confirmed by the Senate, pretty Barbara Ann Grosskreuz, 22, will be the youngest one in that state.



COUNTRY LIFE—Holsteins watering at the trough on the farm of M. L. Klock gain the undivided attention of six-year-old Jimmy Johnson of Chicago. Jimmy was a bit puzzled, and inquired of Farmer Klock just where the "chocolate milk cows" were located on the Hampshire, Illinois, farm.



HEALTHY — Because she shows perfect form, in and out of the water, Martha Wright, in New York, was named Swimmer of the Year for Health Girl, Night Club Division, for 1949.



LIKE A LAUNCHING—This block of offices, typical of the construction now going on in London, rises like a ship's prow behind steel scaffolding in New Oxford Street. Scenes such as this are a common sight in the bomb-scarred British capital.



TRADITIONAL—Under an arch of swords, Ensign Presley Elmer Ellsworth III, of Danbury, Connecticut, descends the stairs of the U.S. Naval Academy Chapel with his pretty bride, the former Joyce Merle Suck of Baltimore. The Annapolis, Maryland, wedding followed graduation exercises at the Academy.



KINDERGARTEN COOKS—Kindergarten pupils, of Rocky River, Ohio—Patricia Jimura, Thomas Harmon, Judith Ann Zahn and Alice Hansen—are about to serve luncheons to their mothers on their first day of school. The six-year-olds not only prepared the food but also fashioned the that's-hate-out-of-sever-

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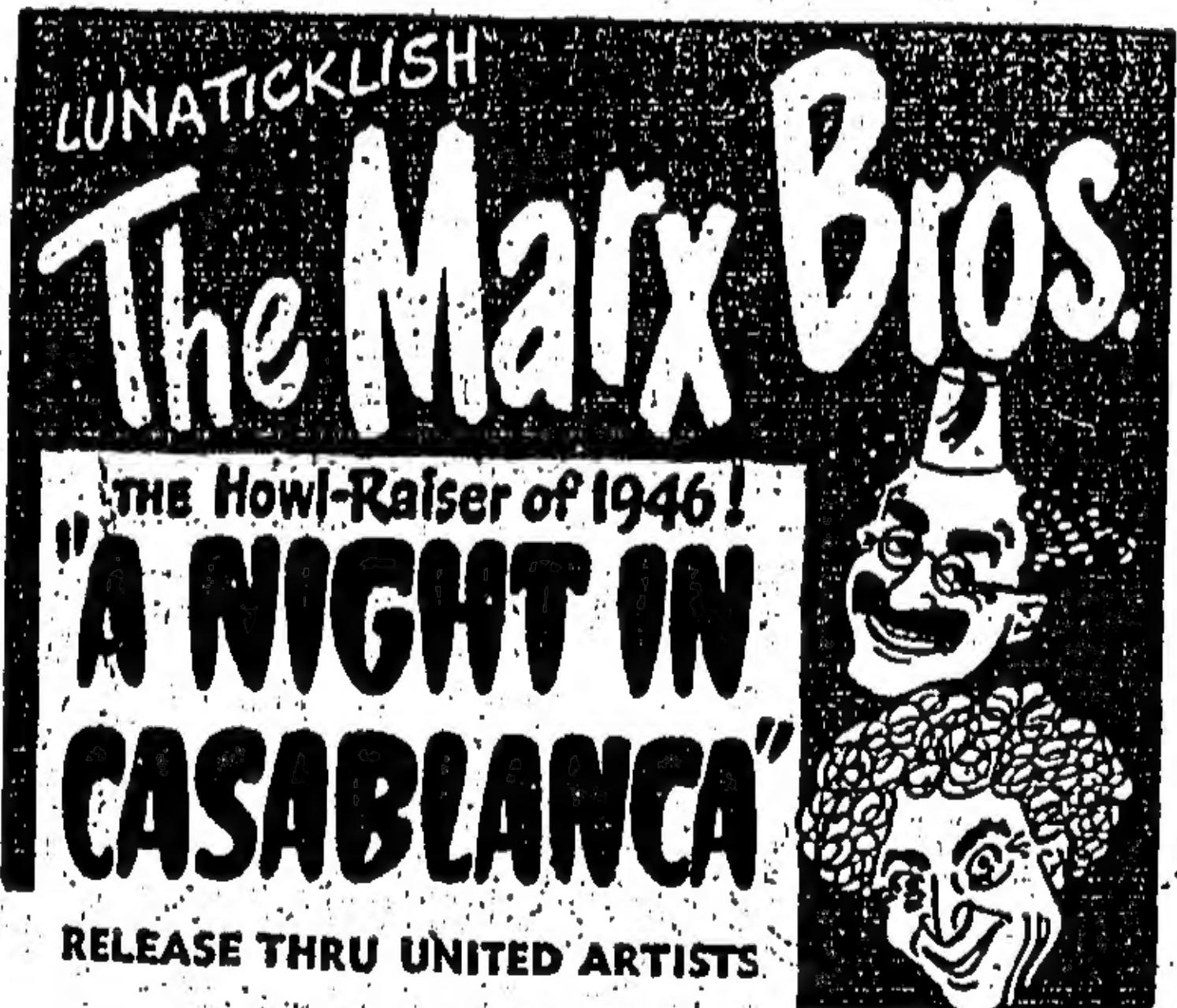
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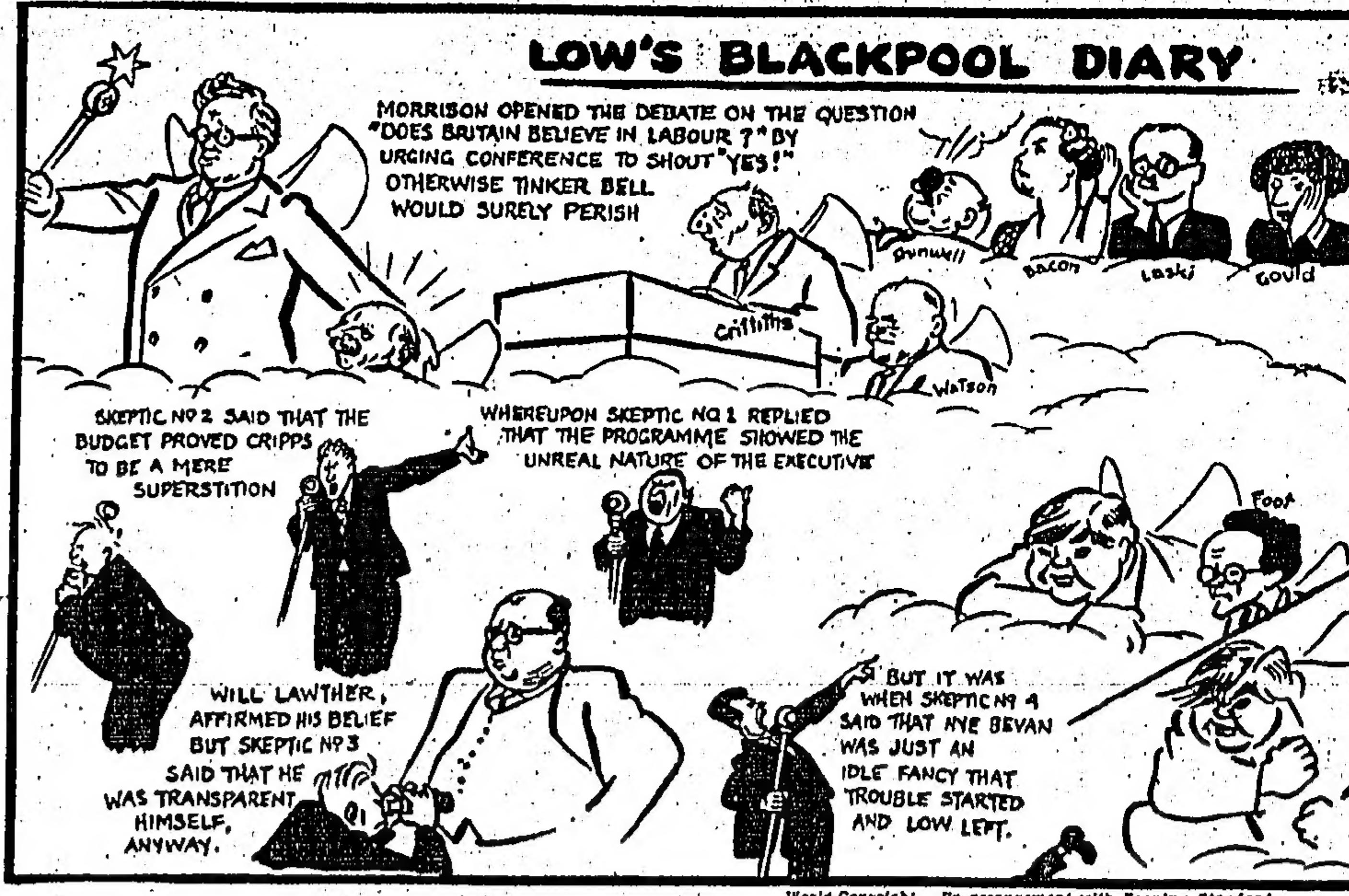
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CHAPMAN PINCHER'S COLUMN flies out to meet Messerschmitt

(Right in the picture above)

MUNICH,

To lanky, lantern-jawed Willy Messerschmitt, side-stepping between the production lines of his fighter-plane factory near Munich, it sounded almost like the good old days. It was this factory which, with the Luftwaffe's help, had made his name the most pulse-quickenning word ever to come over an Allied airman's earphones.

And now, after four years' stagnation, it was alive with new, metallic clatter. True, they were not his beloved warplanes that he watched being loaded for despatch. But they were something the Fatherland nevertheless needed desperately—prefabricated houses for the cellar-dwelling citizens of more than 50 rubble towns.

And Messerschmitt—I mused as I waited in his main office in Munich this morning—is himself, in need if drive and ingenuity can help.

After his release from his streamlined mind saw Germany's grim housing problem daily intensified by refugees pouring from the East. He bought a dozen books on house building, and quietly went to work on the drawing-board. His basic training as an engineer was helpful. But the switch to a world where a "safe landing" no longer meant the exciting business of getting a jet fighter three-point into an airstrip, but simply part of a tenement stairway, was no meagre mental feat.

A winner

THE house-building system he hatched up was a winner. With this steel struts and lightweight concrete slabs, he could throw up homes to pre-cast any size and shape. Moreover, though prefabricated, they would be as permanent as any brick-and-mortar affair.

Messerschmitt waited until the American conqueror-phase had given way to the sober realisation that the quickest way to get the Germans off their backs was to encourage German enterprise.

Then he rounded up 200 of his old workmen, and set them up in his factory.

I inspected his first house—a white-plastered three-story, it's a building put up in the Riemerhof district of Munich. With its sharply cantilevered, red-tiled roof, it conforms well with what remains of old Bavarian grandeur. Its six flats are each no bigger than a British prefab, but more substantial and far more elegant.

"We hope to be making 300 flats a month by the autumn," Messerschmitt told me.

His future

IRONICALLY, if Messerschmitt had not been so big, he could have been building planes for Britain.

Underlings who worked on his ME109 rocket plane were grabbed for the Westcott rocket station. But when the professor's case came before the Government's screening panel, it was argued that public feeling would be outraged by the employment of such a notorious name.

This view got little support from North Londoners when Messerschmitt was held for questioning in a St. John's Wood flat. In spite of rumours that he was living in luxury there, horning Hampstead crowds expressed their feelings—in nothing more venomous than an odd, bantering, "Good night, Willy."

Messerschmitt missed out because he would have been useful only as boss of a big team. And no team in Britain or the United States would have stomach his leadership.

There was one obvious alternative—to work for Russia.

"I had a really wonderful offer from Russia," he told me. "What is more, the Americans could not have stopped me taking it if I had wanted to go. It is not much more than 100 miles to the Red frontier."

But Willy does not believe that his peculiar ability would live on Communist soil. Buoyed by a firm faith that his Teutonic idea of right must prevail, so that one day he will be building planes again, he faces at a young-looking, 50-what, he feels in a bright future. In the country where once before, from small beginnings he touched the heights.

(London Express Service)

A BRITAIN WITHOUT BOMBERS — IS LIKE A LION WITHOUT TEETH

By Group-Captain
H.S.L. Dundas, DSO, DFC

HERE are Britain's bombers! The great fleet of attacking planes which finished off the war in 1945 has melted away to nothing.

Some people say we cannot afford a bomber force, that we must leave bombing to the Americans. Has such a vital decision, in fact, been made?

Many high authorities hold the view that as a main structure for defence and attack in the event of a war Britain needs

1 A strong air fighter force

2 A strong bomber force with which to strike an enemy where it hurts most—in his vitals. That is the quickest, perhaps the only, way in which to finish off a modern war.

Yet neither Britain nor any of the Commonwealth countries can today put more than a token bomber force into the air.

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ANGLO-ARGENTINE TRADE PACT SIGNED

UK To Get £46m Worth Of Meat In First Year

Buenos Aires, June 27.—Britain and Argentina today signed a new trade pact calling for the exchange of Argentine food for British machines, oil and coal valued at £1,000 million both ways over the next five years.

President Peron, addressing observers at the signing, said: "This agreement has not been directed against anyone, but has been concluded to satisfy our mutual needs."

The British Ambassador, Sir John Balfour, who led the British trade delegates through more than 18 weeks of negotiation, said that the pact was an outstanding example of "complementary trade."

The document was signed by Sir John, Dr Juan Brambila, the Argentine Foreign Minister, and four Ministers of the Argentine National Economic Council.

The signing ceremony was held under a lamp in a white room at Government House. In his speech, Sir John Balfour expressed regret over the disappearance of the "triangular trade pattern" of London, Buenos Aires and New York.

This was, he said, an inevitable result of the post-war economic turmoil.

The Argentine President said that the pact contained no hidden clauses or meanings, but represented a purely commercial understanding. Observers assumed that he was addressing his remarks to opponents of the pact in Washington when he added: "This agreement is not directed against anyone." The Argentine President said that

Ex-Premier's Libel Suit Settled

London, June 27.—A libel action by Ferenc Nagy, former Prime Minister of Hungary now living in the United States, against the publishers of the British Sunday newspaper Reynolds News was withdrawn on terms today at the King's Bench Division.

Mr Quintin Hogg, Counsel for Nagy, told Lord Chief Justice Goddard that the defendants had agreed to pay Nagy a substantial sum and his costs, and had apologised for the article complained of.

Two years ago, under the heading "What Did Happen In Hungary?" the newspaper published an article by Anna Kethly, a supporter of the present Hungarian Government.

Mr Hogg said that the article contained factual allegations of the most serious kind, suggesting that Nagy was a corrupt traitor who misused his official position to betray his country and acquire wealth for himself. It was not now suggested that there was a syllable of truth in these allegations.

Apologeting on behalf of the defendants, Mr John Thompson said that Reynolds News had published the article in good faith, but since attention had been called to the serious and harmful implications, it had not meant to suggest that there was any foundation for the implications.—Reuter.

BRITAIN FACING ECONOMIC CRISIS

(Continued from Page 1)

Political experts said the Socialist Government would have to get a "new mandate" from the people to make life and living easier. Cabinet Minister Hugh Dalton in a weekend speech said that general elections "might come sooner than later."

It was learned that the Finance Ministers of the Commonwealth nations have been invited to London to discuss the serious gold and dollar situation. It was expected that they would meet here in about two weeks. Sir Stafford, it was believed, will present a scheme for drastically reducing imports to save dollars and ask the Commonwealth members to do likewise.—United Press.

Belligerent Power Status For Reds

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Asked about military operations, Mr Chen said the Nationalists had been able to capture certain towns in Shensi province. He said it was "pretty quiet" in the Hunan area.

The Minister declined to discuss the newly-imposed Nationalist coastal blockade. Asked whether Chiang Kai-shek was taking active part in the direction of Chinese affairs, he replied that Chiang had never returned. Instead, he apparently was living in Chongming Island, where he had been for some time.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



RCAF Drops Ballot Boxes In Labrador

Canada Goes To The Polls

Montreal, June 27.—The Royal Canadian Air Force today dropped ballot boxes from the air on 12 Labrador communities where bad weather had prevented their delivery before the general election to form the new Canadian Parliament.

The British Government will also lend all the necessary assistance, "within the limits of the powers they exercise in such matters," to ensure the supply of Argentina in the first year of 1,800,000 tons of crude oil, 3,750,000 tons of fuel oil and 250,000 tons of other petroleum products, to a total value of £29,000,000 from United Kingdom oil-producing companies.

Petroleum product supplies

in subsequent years will be

agreed mutually.

Total British exports to Ar-

gentina in the first year will

thus amount to £121,535,000.

Argentina, in the first year,

will import passenger cars and

spares worth £5,000,000, trucks,

buses and other motor vehicles

worth £2,200,000, and motor

cycles and bicycles, with spares

worth £2,000,000.

In addition to meat, which

will be covered in a special

five-year contract to be nego-

tiated in London, Britain will

purchase from the Argentine

during the first year £53,100,000

worth of other foods and feed-

ing stuffs, including £10,000,000

worth of corn, £18,200,000

worth of linseed oil, £18,200,000

worth of various raw materials

and £800,000 worth of other

goods.

With meat supplies valued at

£40,000,000, the total value of

British imports from Argentina in the first year will be £128,-

000,000.

Under the payments clause,

Argentina "will permit, without

restriction in so far as sterling

exchange is available, a remittance of invisible payments,

including profits, pensions and

other income."

A revaluation guarantee, to

be agreed between the Bank of

England and the Argentine

Central Bank, will apply to

Argentina's credit balances,

plus or minus the net forward

position during the first year,

and will "cover the balance

existing at the end of that year until utilised."

A minor Consultative Com-

mittee, to be set up in Buenos

Aires, will be responsible for

keeping under review the applica-

tion of the agreements' provisions.

PAYMENTS BALANCE

Both Governments undertake

to use their best endeavours to

encourage commercial and

financial transactions between

them in such a manner as to

attain, throughout the period

of the agreement, a balance of

sterling payments at the highest

possible level.

In a preamble, they affirmed

their "common determination

to maintain the bonds of

friendship and foster economic

relations which traditionally

united their peoples."

The pact, replacing the Andes

Agreement, which expired last

March, was concluded after 18

weeks of negotiations. It was

noted that the British Govern-

ment had to be consulted on a final

point on which differences still

existed.

An agreement, in principle

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WIMBLEDON TOURNEY

ONLY ONE AMERICAN REACHES LAST FOUR OF MEN'S SINGLES

Holder Eliminated—Drobny, Bromwich, Sturges & Schroeder in Semi-Finals

Wimbledon, June 27.—After four terrific matches, each of which went the full five sets, the last four in the Men's Singles of the Wimbledon Championships are Jaroslav Drobny, Czechoslovakia, John Bromwich, Australia, Eric Sturges, South Africa, and Ted Schroeder, United States.

Drobny meets Bromwich and Sturges meets Schroeder in Wednesday's semi-finals. Robert Falkenburg, holder of the title, went down to Bromwich, whom he beat in the final last year, the Australian gaining his revenge with a score of 3-6, 9-11, 6-0, 6-0, 6-4. Schroeder, favourite to win the title before the championships opened, had the narrowest of squeaks, surviving two match points before beating the Australian, Frank Sedgman 3-6, 6-8, 6-3, 6-2, 9-7.

Geoff Brown, the unseeded Australian who put out the American champion, Gonzales, on Saturday was himself beaten today by the giant Czech left-hander, Drobny, by 2-6, 7-5, 1-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Frank Parker, of the United States, recent winner of the French title, went out to Sturges, the South African winning by 3-6, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3.

Thousands packed Wimbledon in almost tropical heat to watch the four big matches and never had a louder cheer been heard than when the ambidextrous Australian, Bromwich, beat the holder, Falkenburg.

The young American took the first set comfortably with Bromwich playing rather indifferently. The Australian warmed up in the second set and should have won it at 5-4 but he lost two set points and Falkenburg became two up.

Here the American adopted the trick which caused him to be barraged earlier in the tournament by throwing away the next two sets, and it went to the fifth set as it did in last year's final. This time, however, it was the Australian that won it.

Bromwich, broke through the American's service in the opening game of the last set and held on grimly to his own service to win the match in the tenth game, after the American had been within a point of five-all.

Schroeder showed himself to be one of the greatest match players of all time and a man with nerves of iron. In the deciding set, Sedgman led him 3-0 and had match points when leading 6-4 and 6-5, but each time the American fought back to level, and, finally, to take the match in the 10th game. Not until the 15th game did the American get in front.

SCHROEDER v. SEDGMAN

Schroeder did not get into his stride in the first set and Sedgman took it easily after leading 6-1. In the second, Sedgman, playing at the top of his form and coming up to the net at every opportunity, led 4-2. Schroeder levelled at 4-4 but was always fighting a losing battle and the Australian led by two sets.

As against Mulloy in the opening round, the Californian showed his fighting qualities and with the Australian taking a breather drew level at two sets all.

The Australian made a big bid in the decider but the courageous American ran out a great winner.

STURGES v. PARKER

Schroeder now meets Sturges who put out Parker in the opening match on the Centre Court.

The American, seeded No. 3, looked to have the match in his grasp when leading by two sets to one but he tired rapidly against his extremely accurate opponent and was almost exhausted at the finish, after the two-hour struggle.

The turning point in the fifth set came in the sixth game which Sturges won after trailing 2-3.

DRONY v. GEOFF BROWN

In the Brown-Drobny encounter, the Australian started confidently enough, as well he might, having beaten the Czech three years ago in these championships in three straight sets.

Brown, hitting fiercely, ran through the first set in 16 minutes. He led 6-3 in the second but the Australian surprisingly dropped his service and Drobny levelled and went on to take the set.

Playing with tremendous pace and power Brown had much the better of matters in the third set which he took at 6-1. Playing with the Australian, the Czech appeared to let this one go but he made his effort in the next one which the Australian third set which he took at 6-1.

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TEST MATCH

New Zealand Leading On First Innings

DRAW SEEMS CERTAIN WITH ONE DAY'S PLAY LEFT

Lord's, London, June 27.—New Zealand, for whom the former Oxford Blue lefthander, Martin Donnelly, nowadays a member of Warwickshire's County side, scored a century, gained first innings lead against England here today, the second day of the Test match.

With the close of play total at 372 for seven wickets, New Zealand are 59 runs ahead, having batted throughout the day to go ahead of England's declared score of 313 for nine.

The match seems certain to end in a draw tomorrow.

Donnelly mingled powerful driving and cutting with impregnable defence in a flawless century. He had some anxious moments, particularly against his County team mate, Eric Hollies, but took no chances and patiently waited for the right ball. Reaching 50 in 100 minutes and 100 in three and a half hours, Donnelly was still unbeaten after four hours 25 minutes.

His first hundred included seven fours and he was helped in a seventh wicket partnership of 78 in 95 minutes by Mooney, who made a round 33.

Another lefthander, Bert Sutcliffe, played the brightest cricket of the day to score 57 of the opening partnership of 89 in 87 minutes. A brilliant player, particularly on the leg side, Sutcliffe found gaps in a keen-walled field to reach 50 out of 75 in 65 minutes. Altogether he hit nine fours.

Scott played patiently for 42 and Walter Hadlee, the New Zealand captain, showed aggression in his 43.

Donnelly attempted no fireworks, but whenever a hitable ball came along he was sure in his timing and accurate in his placing.

The sixth wicket stand passed 50 in as many minutes and was still unbroken at tea, after putting on 76 with Donnelly 73 and Rabone 25. The total of 273 for five meant that New Zealand were only 40 runs behind with half their wickets intact.

Donnelly and Rabone continued to defy the bowling as they neared the 250 mark, 15 minutes before the tea break.

Donnelly returned to his credit, having batted for nearly four and a half hours.

Mooney should have been caught when seven, but Watkins missed the opportunity—a surprise from a usually excellent batsman. At forward short leg, with the ball at 331 and Mooney 33, Watkins made no mistake with another chance and Mooney returned to the pavilion.

For the last 25 minutes T.B. Burt joined Donnelly and they raised the total to 372, leaving stumps drawn, before stumps were drawn, leaving New Zealand 59 runs ahead on the first innings with three wickets still intact.

Donnelly is still there with 126 runs to his credit, having batted at the wicket for nearly four and a half hours.

Results yesterday were:

Members 350 yards back stroke handicaps: Head 1-1, G. V. Lopes (Brazil), W. L. Lopes (Brazil), D. Collaco (White), A. V. Lopes (Brazil), Time, 1 min. 54.2/5 secs. Heat 2-1, E. Thompson (Greens), 2, L. E. Thompson (Greens), Time, 2 min. 13 secs.

Senior Boys 100 yards breaststroke handicaps: Head 1-1, M. Robertson (Whites), 2, A. G. Compton (Blues), 3, A. Xavier (Blues). Time, 1 min. 41.400s.

Heat 2-1, G. Marshall (Browns), 2, J. C. Sullivan (Green), Time, 1 min. 40.400s.

Junior Boys 75 yards individual medley handicaps: Head 1-1, R. X. Thompson (Whites), 2, D. Collaco (Greens), Time, 1 min. 54.7/3 secs. Heat 2-1, E. Thompson (Greens), 2, L. E. Thompson (Greens), Time, 2 min. 13 secs.

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Heat 2-1, G. Marshall (Browns), 2, J. C. Sullivan (Green), Time, 1 min. 40.400s.

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Senior Boys 220 yards free-style handicaps: Head 1-1, M. Robertson (Whites), 2, A. G. Compton (Blues), 3, A. Xavier (Whites). Time, 3 min. 29.400s.

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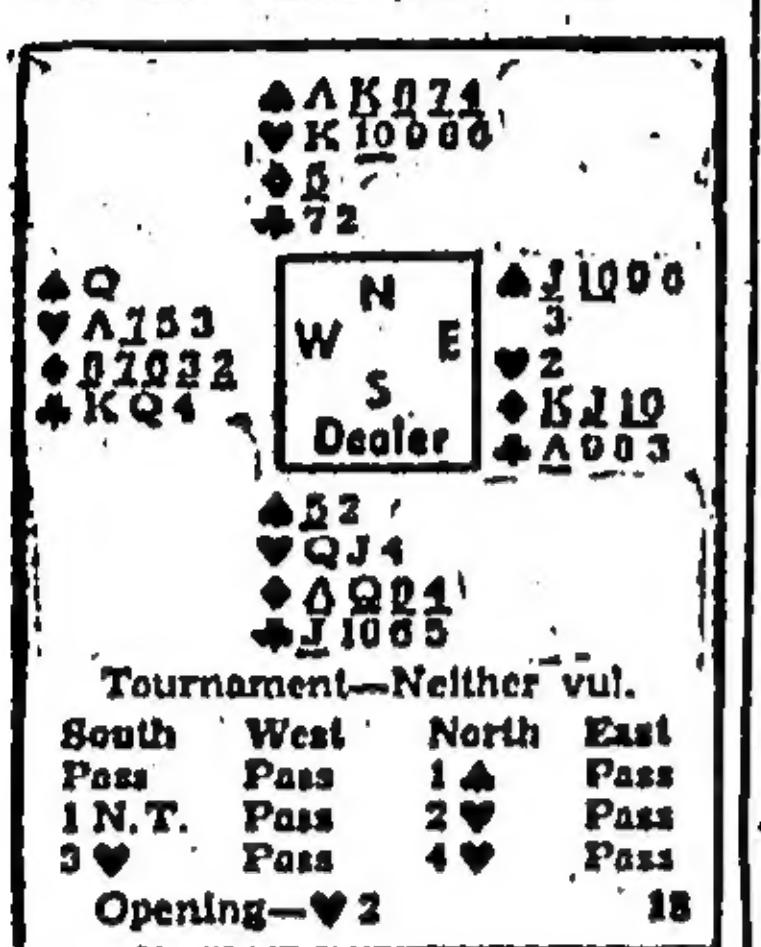
MCKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Shrewd Handling Makes This Bid

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

DURING the recent Eastern States Tournament in New York City, a little group was sitting around a table in the Park Sheraton Hotel, running the "tablecloth" with bridge hands as usual. Miss Breckenridge, who is Dardanelle of the Dardanelles Trio, came over to listen to the discussion.

Today's hand is the one that we had scribbled on the tablecloth, and it takes some high-class handling to make it. On the opening lead of the deuce of hearts declarer played the jack from dummy and West won the trick with the ace.

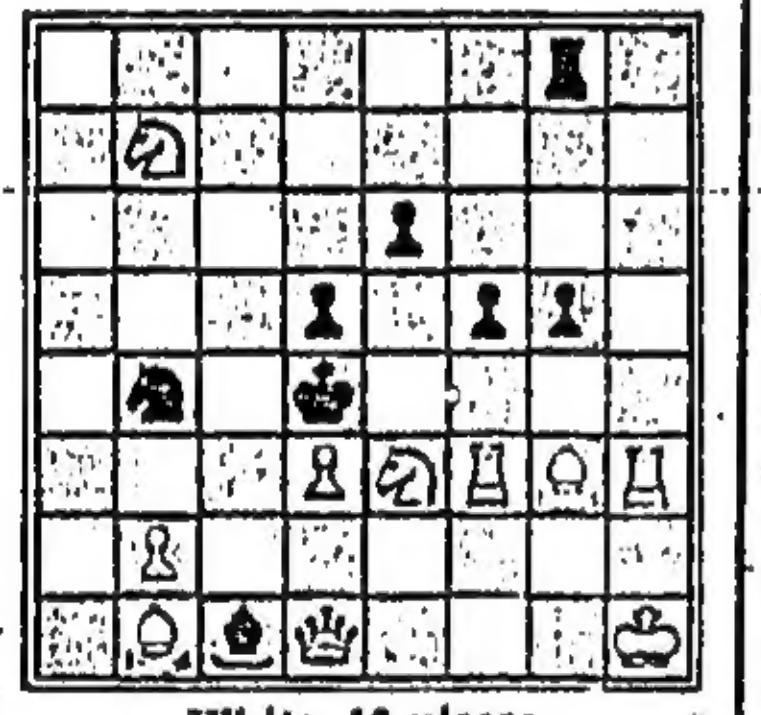


West then cashed the king and queen of clubs and continued with the third club, which declarer trumped with the six of hearts. The ace of spades was cashed, and when the queen dropped from the West hand, declarer had to forget about ruffing any spades. Instead he produced a nice squeeze play.

He ran all the trumps. When he was ready to lead his last trump, the ten-spot all hands were down to the cards undrawn. East had to make his decision on the ten of hearts. To discard the ten of spades would set the whole spade suit. East elected to discard the ten of diamonds, so declarer discarded the four of diamonds from dummy. Next he led the diamond from his own hand. When East played the jack, dummy's queen was finesse. Now the ace and nine of diamonds were cashed, and once again East was squeezed. He had to let go either a spade or the ace of clubs.

CHESS PROBLEM

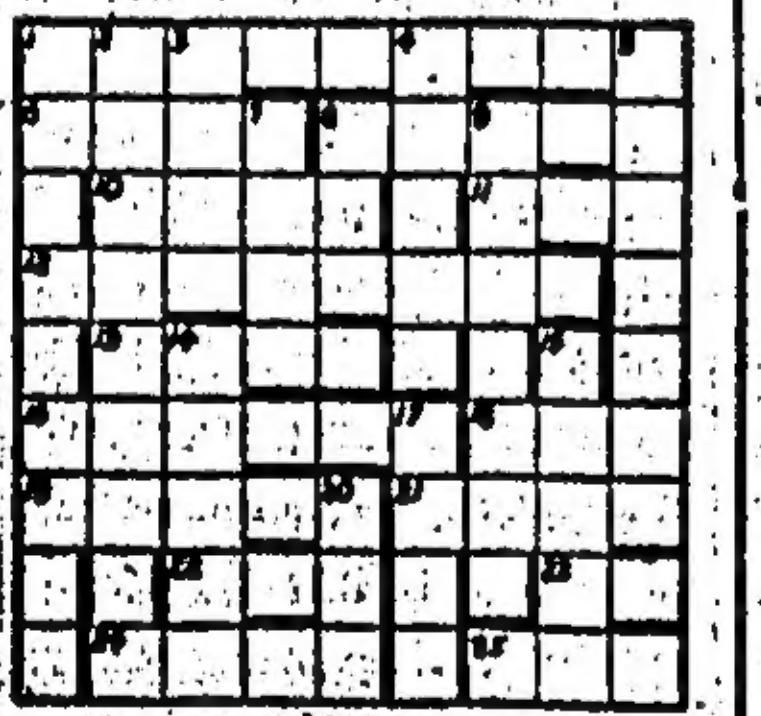
By ARTHUR A. PAUL
Black, 8 pieces.



White to play and mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. P-Q4; threat 2. QxRt. 1... P-B3; 2. B-K6 (ch); 1... P-B4; 2. KxP (ch); 1... P-K3; 2. QxQ.

CROSSWORD



1. (Good turn for one.) (9)
2. Indistinct. (9)
3. A distorted ear. (9)
4. Pester. (6) See 1 Across.
5. Delightful. (4)
6. The tail. (3)
7. As much as many entries are made. (7)
8. A country that divides two. (13)
9. A name for horses. (8)
10. Two of us from the last winner. (14)
11. Solution of yesterday's puzzle. (11)
12. One who has his own ideas. (11)
13. Travel. (11) Voyage. (11)
14. Habitual. (11) He is a person. (11)
15. A way to get away. (11)
16. Another adversary. (11)

DUMB-BELLS REGISTERED U.S. PATENT OFFICE



SCIENCE AT WORK

DDT Insecticide Gets Clean Bill Of Health

By PAUL F. ELLIS

MAN'S annual big battle against the fly, the mosquito and other warm weather insects is in full swing—and DDT is still the best weapon.

Despite rumours that DDT may be a cause of illness in the human being, the powerful insecticide has been given a "clean bill" by governmental agencies.

DDT is credited with saving the lives of thousands of soldiers who had to fight in the swamps infested with malaria-carrying mosquitoes. And it is still doing heroic work in

The joint statement firmly denied that the so-called "Virus X" disease of man and "X Disease" of cattle disease may be caused by DDT.

Because of reports that DDT may be causing human illness, a joint report has been issued by representatives of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Army, the Navy, Federal Security Agency and the Pan-American Sanitary Bureau.

It said, in part:

"It is well recognised that DDT, like other insecticides, is a poison. This fact has been given full consideration in

making recommendations for its use. There is no evidence that the use of DDT has ever caused human sickness due to its use.

"This is despite the fact that annually of tons have been used for five years in the home and for crop and animal protection.

However, minor toxic symptoms may be produced by kerosene and various solvents used in DDT and practically all other insecticidal mixtures."

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There has been evidence, the statement said, that small quantities of DDT has been detected sometimes in milk following ordinary use of the insecticide for fly control in dairy barns.

As a result, "proper precautions" to protect the milk supply must be taken. It was pointed out,

"Modifications of the recom-

mendations made by the Department of Agriculture on the use of DDT on dairy cattle were made merely as a pre-

cautionary measure."

Above all, the report said, "there is no justification for alarm as to the safety of the milk supply from the standpoint of DDT contamination."

The spokesman added that the talks so far had been confined to facts and figures on both sides, both the countries stating their respective cases in terms of figures. If talks had

been held in the last few days, it was because the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, was busy with the European intra-payments

talks.

The spokesman said that if some of the European countries insisted on part of their Sterling credits being convertible into hard currencies, it would certainly make the position of British dollar resources more difficult but he could not say how such a position would affect India's case for hard cur-

rency.

He said that Mr B. K. Nehru and Mr Keith Roy, members of the Sterling delegations, had

taken advantage of the few

days' leeway in the talks and

had gone to Washington in con-

nection with India's dollar loan

from the International Monetary Fund.

He described the trip to Wash-

ington as "purely routine."

Mr Snyder is going to discuss European currency devaluation, but American financial circles attach significance to his visit.

Tentative arrangements have

been made for him to leave

next Friday and return on July

16.—Reuter.

BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

What Merlin Did to Punch

—He Changed Him Into an Umbrella—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hand, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, found Merlin the Magician sitting on the edge of the bookshelf in the playroom. He was dressed as usual in a long red robe and he was wearing a pointed hat with figures of the moon and the stars on it. He nodded brightly and said good evening. "I suppose you're looking for Mr Punch?" he added.

"Yes," said Hand; "is he here?" Knarf and Hand both looked around the room. But they saw no sign of Mr Punch. This was exceedingly strange because Mr Punch never left the house. However, his favourite chair under the window was empty and Mr Punch's pipe was lying on the table next to his book and spectacles. Everything that belonged to Mr Punch was there except Mr Punch himself.

Merlin chuckled. "Yes, I turned Mr Punch into an umbrella, all right. He and I wanted to go out walking, and I said it looked like rain. Then he said, 'I was really a good magician. I could do some magic so that he would mind walking in the rain.' So," said Merlin, chuckling again, "I turned him into an umbrella. I can't think of anything that mends the rain less than an umbrella."

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Ryukyu Promised More U.S. Aid

INHABITANTS ASKED FOR LOYALTY

Okinawa, June 27.—Two high American officials today promised continued American rehabilitation of Ryukyu Island economy, and asked the people of the former Japanese islands to demonstrate in return their "loyalty to the United States."

The speakers were Mr Ormond Friele, chief of the U.S. Army Department's Far East Industry and Commerce section in Washington, and Brigadier-General John Weckerling, head of the Ryukyu's military government section in Tokyo.

New Four Power Talks

Military Deputies To Meet

Berlin, June 27.—Four Power talks are being revived here on Tuesday for a new try at thawing out the cold economic deadlock in divided Germany.

The deputy military governors of the United States, Britain, France and Russia scheduled their first meeting of this series for Tuesday afternoon.

They are acting on orders issued by the Big Four Foreign Ministers' council when it ended a month-long Paris session just a week ago.

The decision of the Foreign Minister was to lay the basis for at least "a way of living together" that will afford economic traffic between the East and West zones of Germany and sectors of Berlin.

TRADE SITUATION
The Allied control authority building virtually deserted for a year is the deputies' meeting place. They made up the Allied Co-ordinating Committee that did the state work for the Four Power rule by the top level government.

Western sources said the four deputies probably would plunge immediately into the trade situation between booming Western Germany and the Soviet zone, where the economy is sagging, and would review transport conditions.

The objectives are limited by the failure of the Foreign Ministers at Paris to agree on any major policies for Germany's future.

The Soviets indicated on Monday, however, that they will also send to the meeting Mr V. S. Semenov, their top political adviser in Germany. He carries the rank of Ambassador. This raised the possibility that the Russian delegation was prepared to deal with broader policy matters.—Associated Press.

New Laws To Control Strikes

Rome, June 27.—Two new laws, intended to give the Government wider powers to control strikes, are to be submitted to the Italian Cabinet tomorrow before presentation to Parliament.

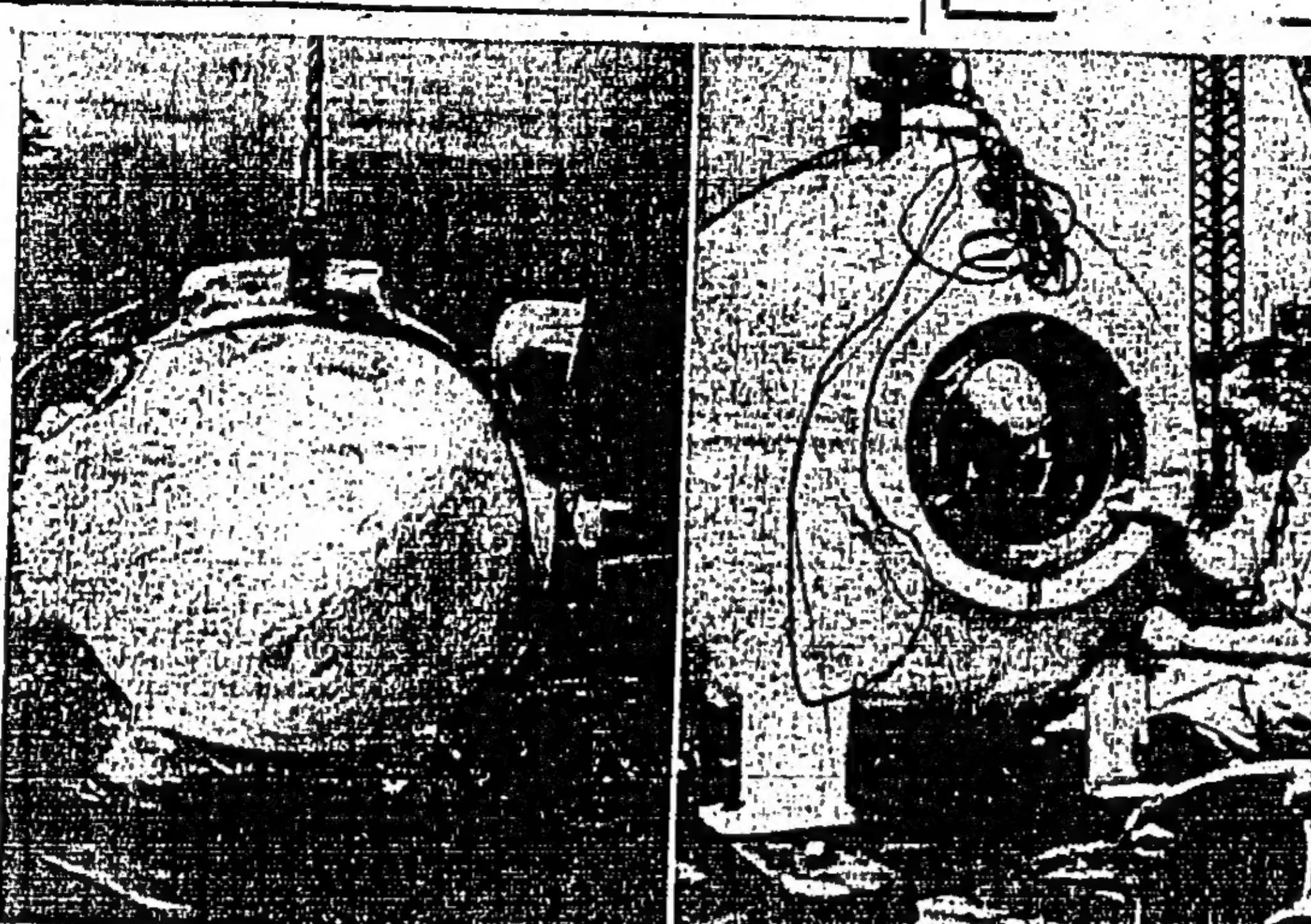
The precise terms of the proposed legislation have not yet been published, but left-wing Socialists and Communists today attacked them, recalling that the Minister of the Interior, Signor Mario Scelba, declared in a speech last weekend: "It is necessary to use force when the agitation is of such a nature as to undermine the democratic order of our country."

One law, it was understood, would make "cooling off" periods obligatory before the actual walkout of strikers, and the other would give greater police powers to the Central Government.—Reuters.

FREIGHTERS FOR ISRAELI

Taipei, June 27.—Two 10,000-ton freighters are to join the Israeli merchant navy on August 1, the manager of the Israel-America Line announced here. A 17,000-ton passenger liner, to maintain a Haifa-New York service, and a 10,000-ton ship for the Mediterranean trade, are to be acquired soon.

Israel's ships will carry half the goods which Taiwan receives under its \$100 million loan from the United States. American vessels will handle the rest.—Reuters.



New Diving Bell

They spoke at a press conference here following an inspection of the military government's economic recovery programme.

Mr Friele likened the relationship between Ryukyu and the United States government to that of a father helping a son to get started in business.

Neither official would comment on long range American political or military plans for the former Japanese island chain whose final disposition will be one of the key territorial matters for a Japanese peace conference.

AMERICANS STAYING

General Weckerling indicated, however, that the United States intended to remain in Okinawa and the smaller Ryukyu Islands for some time and had laid plans for the entire rehabilitation of your economy."

He promised that efforts would be made to shift the island's trade with its former mother country out of the military government hands into private channels as soon as commercial shipping becomes available.

The Ryukyus were separated from Japanese rule at the end of the war under the terms of the Cairo Declaration and placed under American military government. United States military officials, including General MacArthur, have expressed interest in retaining American bases on the way famed Okinawa's naval links in a chain of American outposts extending from Alaska through the Philippines.—United Press.

Churchill Given Back Watch

London, June 27.—Mr Winston Churchill has got back an inscribed gold watch he gave away 50 years ago.

Mr Churchill was a war correspondent in the Boer War in South Africa. The Boers caught him and gaoled him. Churchill escaped and two Britons who worked in a gold mine hid him in the pit.

Later Mr Churchill gave both of them watches. One of them, Joseph McHenry, died several years ago leaving the watch to his wife. Now she has died and left it to Churchill. Mr Churchill disclosed on Monday that he has accepted the gift.—Associated Press.

Could They Pay Us A Visit?

London, June 27.—Some of Britain's leading architects and surveyors will sail on July 10 with plumbers, bricklayers and carpenters to find out whether the rapid building methods used in the United States can be effectively used in the British postwar housing programme.

A team of 16 representing the supervisory, technical and workshop sections of the British building industry, will spend six weeks in the United States under the auspices of the Anglo-American Council on Productivity.—Reuters.

The labourers, after refusing to transport munition, attacked two villages belonging to the landowners and set a number of houses on fire.—Reuters.

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"To get back to my word."

One-Party Cabinet Plan Upset

Athens, June 27.—The withdrawal of support by the Liberal group of 56 members headed by M. Sophocles Venizelos has upset the plan for a one-party Populist Cabinet, under M. Constantin Tsaldaris, to be ready for swearing in by King Paul tonight.

Members of the proposed new Cabinet were at the house of M. Tsaldaris ready to go to the Palace when they heard this news. The Liberal group, which M. Sophocles headed, has already insisted that the new Government should be like the last—Coalition of Liberals and Populists.

According to friends of M. Venizelos, his change of mind was due to a statement made earlier today by the American Ambassador, Dr Henry F. Grady. Dr Grady had said:

"Americans are interested in seeing a Government which will realize its great responsibilities without consideration of parties or personalities."

M. Venizelos visited Dr Grady and was reported later to have decided that the only way out of the crisis was a new coalition similar to the last.

The Populist Party had hoped to win the support of small right wing groups in Parliament in addition to the support of the Liberals under M. Venizelos.

Earlier today, the secretary to M. Tsaldaris said that the new Populist Cabinet would present itself to Parliament on Thursday to ask for a vote of confidence and probably for a three-month recess of the Chamber.—Reuters.

LANDOWNERS & LABOURERS CLASH

Banaras, June 27.—Eight people were killed and several were injured in a weekend clash between farm hands and landowners 40 miles from here on the borders of the Mirzapur district (the United Provinces) and Banaras.

The labourers, after refusing to transport munition, attacked two villages belonging to the landowners and set a number of houses on fire.—Reuters.

Too Much Secrecy Slows Development Of New Weapons

U.S. Scientist's Complaint

Washington, June 27.—Dr Karl T. Compton, the government's top scientist, said today that excessive concern with secrecy has slowed development of new weapons and international security.

Dr Compton, chairman of the National Research and Development Board, said secrecy has become confused with security "to an astonishing degree" in public and even in military minds. He said actually security depends to a far more important extent upon rapid scientific advance which requires as little secrecy as possible.

Dr Compton's views were expressed in a speech prepared for delivery at ceremonies dedicating new research facilities at the naval ordnance laboratory in suburban White Oak, Maryland. The facilities featuring two German wind tunnels giving speeds five times that of sound will be used to develop supersonic missiles.

He said: "I am sure that the pendulum has recently swung so far in the direction of concern over secrecy regarding even little details as unimportant people that our real security is suffering. It is suffering from slowing up of progress because attention is being diverted from really big things which need to be done."

Dr Compton did not cite specific cases. But there were indications atomic energy research was one matter he had in mind.

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He said: "I believe that the opposite approach, a desire to criticize or to seek self advancement at the expense of someone else, is a sign of a demoralized team and that its stimulation could be the subtlety of all subversive un-American activities."

World War II taught the significance of new weapons and the importance of having them at the front first, Dr Compton said in leading up to his discussion on secrecy. He said pointedly that if the Nazi V-1 and V-2 missiles had come along sooner the war might well have had a different ending."

He said therefore the "true security consists in being as far ahead as possible of any unfriendly competitor" as America is with the atomic bomb.

Dr Compton said: "Secrecy is one aspect of security for it is evident that if we should freely broadcast all information about our new development we would permit our competitor to keep pace with us at relatively little expense to himself. Thus, secrecy is negative or defensive, not positive or offensive, aspect of security."

MUST BE POSITIVE
But, he continued, "if we simply sit tight and lock our secret it will not long be for our active competitor to get ahead of us. So we must also press forward the positive of offensive aspect of security by making rapid advances in our own sciences and its practical applications."

Dr Compton said secrecy and progress are incompatible since science flourishes in an atmosphere of free inquiry and exchange of ideas. He said what is needed is to re-capture that spirit of confidence and enthusiasm which won the scientific phase of the war.

"But if major innovation is to be achieved, unscrupulous and evil

followers and an unscrupulous companion of Kim, the Defense Minister, said: "Alan shot the Independence Party leader because of political differences," the minister added.

Alan was reported to be in hospital suffering from injuries received after the assassination.—Reuters.

Unrehearsed Open-Air Forum For The Experts

London, June 27.—Three of the 27 leaders of United States national organizations, who arrived in London yesterday as members of an international touring version of the American "Town Meeting of the Air," found themselves engaged in an extempore open-air forum a few hours after landing.

Mr Homer Frye, honorary Vice-President of the Association of Better Business Bureaux, said that he, his wife, Mrs Grace Frye, Executive Director of the Columbus Town Meeting, and Mr Alfred A. Albert, Counsellor of the American Civil Liberties Union, went to Hyde Park, the traditional open air pitch of London's soap-box orators.

"We became interested in one speaker," Mr Frye said, "and after he had finished his address and climbed down from his platform, we talked to him. Before we knew what was happening a big crowd gathered around us and we found ourselves addressing the people and answering their questions."

Led by Mr George V. Denny, Junier, founder and Moderator of the weekly radio feature, the party will travel 20,000 miles between now and September, spending about five days each in London, Paris, Berlin, Vienna, Rome, Ankara, Tel Aviv, Cairo, Karachi, New Delhi, Manila, Tokyo and Honolulu.

BROADCASTS TO U.S.
In each capital, a regular session of the "Town Meeting of the Air" will be held on a subject of interest to the two participating countries with two prominent local citizens and two Americans engaged.

The proceedings will be broadcast to the United States. The mayor of each capital will receive a scroll bearing the names of thousands of Americans who have subscribed "dollars for democracy" to finance the tour.

On Wednesday evening, the first meeting of the tour will be held in London to debate "Does the Socialized State tend to destroy individual initiative?" The American speakers will be Mr Robert Byfield, representing the New York Stock Exchange, and Mr Max Lerner, an American journalist and political commentator.

Britain will be represented by Mr Harold J. Laske, Professor of Political Science at London University and former Chairman of the Labour Party, and Captain Peter Thorneycroft, Conservative Member of Parliament.

Members of the party will also meet representatives of national organizations of the countries visited in "Town Hall Seminars" to discuss matters of common interest.

Tomorrow evening, they will be entertained at the United States Embassy here by the Ambassador, Mr Louis Douglas, and Mrs Douglas. They will leave for Paris on Saturday.

Youth Leader Released

Berlin, June 27.—A Soviet sector criminal court today imposed a suspended sentence of three months' imprisonment on Manfred Triller, 17-year-old Berlin motor mechanic and a member of the Western-licensed Socialist Youth Movement, the "Falcons."

Triller, charged with distributing leaflets directed against the Soviet-sponsored People's Democracy, was released on probation. Two other members of the "Falcons" were sentenced to two and a half years and one year's imprisonment on a similar charge on June 15.

Heinz Westphal, chairman of the Youth Movement, who was also arrested, was later sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment but released last Saturday following an appeal by his mother to the East sector judicial authorities.—Reuters.

The third decree said, "The Ministry of Education hereby notifies Deacons and Vicarates that all meetings and consultations of clergy in Vicariates or Deacons' offices must be announced at least three days beforehand to the District National Committees.

They may be held only after the permission of the district national committees." —United Press.

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